no Christmas tree, as a tree never has been a part of the celebration of

Christmas in the Roosevelt family. The children, however, all hang up their

stockings and they will arise early to-

morrow to visit them and ascertain what Santa Claus has left for them.

Later in the morning the children will assemble in the library, there to re-ceive gifts from their father and moth-

er. In the afternoon the Roosevelt juv-

enfles will go to the home of their uncle

and aunt, Capt. and Mrs. Cowles, to

see a pretty Christmas tree and receive

will be served at 7:30 and only the fam-

On Thursday, if the weather permits,

t is probable that the Roosevelt family,

including the President, will go down the Potomac river on a cruise. Theo-

dore Roosevelt, Jr., is going on a hunting trip with Dr. Rixey, and is very anxious that his father accompany him. The President is inclined to do so, if public business will permit. Even if the President cannot go it is the present intention of Mrs. Roosevelt and some of the children to accompany Dr. Rixey and Theodore, Jr.

section one of said act is hereby amend-

ed so as to read as follows:

"266.—Oranges, two-thirds of one cent per pounds; lemons eighteen cents per cubic foot of capacity of boxes or pack-

ages; limes, grape fruit, shaddocks or pomelos, one cent per pound.

section one of said act is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"268.—Pine apples, in barrels, and other packages, (seven) four cents per cubic foot of the capacity of barrels or

packages; in bulk, (seven,) four dollars

effect on the first of July, nineteen hun-

Survivors of the E. I. White's Crew.

New York, Dec. 24 .- Among the pas-

engers on the steamer Antilla, which

Three of the crew pre

has arrived here from Nassau, N. H.

ferred to trust their lives to the ship's

boat which was launched alongside. The rest of the crew remained on board

During the night following the swell

capsized the boat and two of the rea-

men were drowned. They were a Fin-lander named John Seare, and an

American named Brown. The man res-

day Capt. Mitchell and the remainder

of the crew proceeded in the boat to Bemini island, and thence were assist-

Another Boston Bank Merged.

London, Dec. 24 .- The stockholders of

the National Bank of the Common-wealth today voted to place the bank in voluntary liquidation. W. Tower

and W. R. Santonstall were appointed

The bank has been murged into the

Fata! Fire Truck-St. Car Collision,

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 24.-While fire

truck No. 7 was responding to an alarm this morning, it collided with a street car, resulting in the death of Capt. J.

B. Ward, of the fire company and in-

jury of several other firemen, one of

The car and the fire truck were go-

ing at full speed when they met. The

firemen were hurled from the machine

and Capt. Ward was taken to St. Vin-cent's hospital where he died in a few

hours. Driver Peter Boudrie is in a

percarious condition and may die. Lad-

derman John Schultz was also pain-

Astor Makes a Donation.

London, Dec. 24.—William Waldorf Aster has donated £10,000 for the pro-

motion of civillan rifle clubs in the

cued was Charles Johnson.

liquidating agents.

whom may die,

fully hurt.

National Shawmut bank.

breaking up.

"Section 4.-That this act shall take

will be present.

Rixey and Theodore, Jr.

presents. The Christmas dinne

MISTORIAN'S OFFICE.

Big Fat Turkeys Distributed to the White House Employes - Wagon Loads of Things for the Little Roosevelts.

Washington, Dec. 24.-Eighty-seven | family in former years. There will be big turkeys were distributed to the White House policemen, messengers, ushers, servants, gardners and stable today. The turkeys were distributed by Henry Pinckney, the White House

steward. Express wagons, mail carriersr and messengers bore numerous packages to the White House todaypresents to the Roosevelt family from friends and admirers throughout the country. Many of the packages were for the children, who will not be allowed, however, to have them until tomorrow.

The program at the White House tomerrow will follow the custom of the

MR. CLEVELAND'S HEALTH. He Has Not Been Able to Leave His

Room for Five Weeks. Princeton, N. J., Dec. 24 .- Mrs. Grover Cleveland made the following statement today concerning the health of the former President:

"The reports that have been published a regard to Mr. Cleveland's health ave apparently been construed as incating his entire recovery. This is hown by a renewal of all sorts of ap-ilections for all sorts of things which an hardly be considered even by a an in robust health. He has already eceived severe epistolary chastisement the hands of those who are impaently awaiting for answers to letters which should never have been written. While Mr. Cleveland's health is such as to entirely relieve his friends from any apprehensions, he is yet far from well and has not been able to leave his com for nearly five weeks."

Gen. Alger's Condition Unchanged. Detroit, Dec. 24.—At 9:30 o'clock to-lay the following bulletin on Gen. R. A. Alger's condition was issued:

"Gen. Alger passed a very comforrtble night. His temperature this mornng is 99.3; pulse 80 and full and regu-ar. He is cheerful and in very good pirits. This condition at the end of the ond day after the operation is very ncouraging. "C. A. JENNINGS, M. D.

"H. W. LONGYEAR, M.D. At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon Dr. Jennings reported that Gen. Alger's con-dition was the same as when the mornng bulletin was issued. Queen Alexandra Improving.

London, Dec. 24.-Queen Alexandra s progressing satisfactorily toward re-

Six Bodies Recovered.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—Six bodies have been recovered from the Dingle station dunnel. These, apparently, represent the otal number of deaths resulting from the burning of the electric train yester-day on the overhead railroad.

Martinelli's Successor Not Selected. Rome, Dec. 24.-There is no truth in he report published in the United States by a news agency that Mgr. Scalabrini, the archbishop of Piacenza, who recently visited the United States, who recently visited the United States. had been practically selected to suc-seed Mgr. Martinelli as papal delegate the United States and that he had pegged the rope to excuse him from uch promotion. The vatican never in-

anded to appoint Mgr. Scalabrini to he Washington post. British Captures for Week. London, Dec. 24.-Lord Kitchener in dispatch dated Johannesburg, Monay. Dec. 23, reports the week's results s being 45 Boers killed, 25 wounded, 310

ade prisoners and 35 surrendered. Boer Laager Surprised.

Gen. R. V. Ankeney Dead.

es Moines, Dec. 24.-Gen. Rollin V.

nkeney, for twelve years coroner of olk county, died today of pneumonia.

served in the Mexican war with an

nie regiment and in the civil war as

the discharge he was breveted brig-

dier-general for conspicuous galantry.

De Beers Mines Production.

To Amend the Revenue Act.

of America, in Congress assem

ed, that paragraph two hundred and

y-five of section one of the act ,en-

265. Grapes in barrels or other

of the 142nd Hinois infantry.

Maclay May Get Out Quietly. Pretoria, Dec. 24.-Lieut. Colen-New York, Dec. 24.-According to the nder's force surprised a Boer laager World, Edgar Stanton Maclay, author the Pletersburg district Dec. 22 and of the history of the United States ptured 60 prisoners. navy, may resign his position as store keeper at the navy yard as a result of the Sampson-Schley controversy. The World quoted Mr. Maclay as say-Assassination in Macedonia. onstantinople, Dec. 24.-Assassina-

in and pillaging of villages and outging of inhabitants have so increased "If the President's order is para, mount to civil service rules, it knocks out the prop on which I have been resting. I intended to make a test ntly in Macedonia that the consuls we appealed to the embassies to put op to such crimes. The foreign inisters have made urgent representa-ons to the porte of the danger of per-

United Kingdom.

case, but now there is nothing left for me but to get out as gracefully as I iting the continuance of such acts. "When will you resign?" was asked. Maybe tomorrow (Tuesday). I shall look up the law, and if I find that the

President has power to remove me I shall resign forthwith."

Carnegie Tenders a Library. Akron, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Andrew Carnegie has offered the city of Akron \$70,000 for a free library, the city to guarantee \$7,000 annually to keep it The offer will probably be ac-

apetown. Dec. 24.—At the annual cting of the De Beers Mining comcepted. Pamily Poisoned from Eating Pork. any at Kimberley the chairman an-ounced that the gross profits for the ear were 3.750,600 pounds the produc-ion being 4,500,000 pounds. The esti-cated life of the mines is 144 years. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 24.-Charles C. Lemert, 1,205 Dennison avenue, executive clerk to Gov. Nash, and his entire family, were poisoned by eating pork for dinner last evening. Some time for dinner last evening. Some time after the meal members of the family were taken ill and a physician sum Washington, Dec. 24.—Representative moned who pronounced the illness due to the condition of the meat. Mr. Leannings of New York has introduced following bill in the House:
Be it enacted by the Senate and mert was unable to be at his office today, but it is thought his condition is ise of Representatives of the United

not serious. Machinists' Strike About Settled.

ed "An act to provide revenue for encouragement of industries of the Chicago, Dec. 24.-It is stated that the machinists strike in Chicago, which has involved 400 union workmen aited States, approved July 24, 1897, is since it started seven months ago, is by amended so as to read as fol-Conferences are now being held by about to be settled. leaders on both sides and it is expected that an agreement will be reached and ratified within the next few days. It ackages, (twenty) eighteen cents per able foot of the capacity of the baris said the Allis-Chaimers company has will be appealed. s or rackages.
"Section 2.—That paragraph 266 of

agreed to return to the nine hour day which leaves the question of wages, the strikers to be taken back and the disposition of the men who took the strikers' places, to be decided. The union ers' places, to be decided. The union men have dismissed the conspiracy charge recently entered against W. J. Chalmers. It is said that the strike so far has cost the Allis-Chalmers company \$300,000, and the union \$20,000 in carrying on the fight, to say nothing of the heavy loss in wages.

The strike, while a local affair, has been regarded as a test of strength between the International Association of Machinists and the Metal Trades' association.

Zion Lace Industry Suit.

Chicago, Dec. 24. Judge Tuley announced today that his decision in the suit for the appointment of a receiver for the Zion lace industries, would not be handed down until the his return the holder receiver. from his holiday vacation,

An Old Man Shoots His Wife,

Preoria, Ills., Dec. 24 .- At Yates City last evening August Iceberg, a con-spicuous farmer, 69 years old, living at Farmington, shot his wife through the abdomen and then shot his 14-year-old step-son, who interfered, three year-old step-son, who interfered, three times. Walking 17 miles to the home of his daughter. Mrs. Davis, near Farmington, he shot himself, through the head and died in three hours. His wife is dying, but the boy will recover. His wife had left him because he had deeded property to his son and he shot her because she had refused to return to him, or let him get a divorce. him, or let him get a divorce.

Killed by Gas Explosion.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 24.—By a gas explosion at the plate glass factory today Zachariah Chapman was killed and sev eral other workmen were injured. The pot-house was wrecked.

Kenton, Ohio, Dec. 24 .- As the result of an explosion of gas in the store of E. Bartholomew early today. Carl Shields, aged 15, was killed and several other persons injured. The explosion was caused by a plumber looking for gas leak with a lighted candle. The building was partly wrecked.

Gerst's Resignation Accepted.

Buffalo, Dec. 24 .- The board of aldernen have accepted the resignation of City Treasurer Philip Gerst, whose ac counts are now undergoing an investi-gation. Gerst has publicly admitted that there recently was a shortage in his accounts of over \$50,000, but claims Section 3.-That paragraph 268 of it has been made good.

> Big Fire in Dunlow, W. Va. Dunlow, W. Va., Dec. 24.-Fire broke out in the postoffice building last night and notwithstanding a heavy rain, spread so rapidly that almost the en-tire business portion of the town was consumed. Loss \$75,000; insurance about one-fourth.

> > Pacific Hardware Co.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Pacific Hardware and Steel Co., capital \$10,000,000, was incorporated here today. The stock is divided into \$7,000,000 common were Capi. Mitchell and the survivors of the crew of the wrecked three-masted schooner, E. I. White of Harrington, Maine. The White was bound from Philadelphia for Cardenas with a cargo and \$3,000,000 preferred, bearing six per cent cumulative dividend.

The company is authorized to manu-

Philadelphia for Cardenas with a cargo of coal and stranded on Gingerbread shoal on Dec. 7. Soon after grounding the vessel began to roll and grind on the rocks and she showed steps of the rocks and she showed steps of shoal on Dec. 7. Soon after grounding the vessel began to roll and grind on the rocks and she showed signs of L. Scott and Jos. Floss, all of San Francisco.

Perished in a Wyoming Blizzard.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Dec. 24.-Ole O. Peterson received a telegram from Wyoming today stating that his son, H. O. Peterson, had perished in the blizzard in that state. The young man had a sheep ranch and was out with his flock when the storm came on. Parties have been searching for him but no trace has been found and hope has been abandoned.

Punch Bowl for Lipton.

London, Dec. 24 .- Sir Thomas Lipton today received a magnificent silver punch bowl and a stand as a Christmas gift from John Crimmins, J. H. Flagler, Chas, Dana Gibson, Judge O' Brien and nineteen other Americans who were guests on board the Erin during the races this year for the America's cup.

Sir Thomas said: "I cannot say how delighted I am It merely shows that if a man does the right thing in America they appreci-ate it as no other people do. I have never received anything I valued more than this splendid gift from my Amer-

King Edward has presented Sir Thomas Lipton with a cigarette case bearing the royal monogram. It is a replica of the one the king himself

Judge Taft Sails for Home. Washington, Dec. 24 .- Secy. Root to-

day received a cablegram from Manila saying that Gov. Taft sailed on the transport Grant today for the United British Punitive Expedition.

Calcutta, Dec. 24.—A British punitive expedition has razed Nodiz fort, in South Baluchistan, which had long been the stronghold of a flerce band of outlaws. The latter held out until the fort was demolished by guns. About a dozen men were buried in the ruins, five others were killed, fourteen were wounded and sixty-three were cap-tured. The British casualties were three men killed and eight wounded.

Members of Parliament Sentenced.

Dublin, Dec. 24.—At Ballimote, County Sligo, today Jasper Tully, member of parliament for South Leitrim, was sentenced to a month's imprisonment, John O'Donnell, M. P., for South Mayo to two months' imprisonment and other members of the United Irish league to terms ranging from a month to three months. All the sentences were imnosed in connection with a recent meet-ing called to incite Lord Defreynes' tenants not to pay their rents.

Deranged Man Shoots a Friend.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 24.-W. M. Little, a lawyer, formerly consul to Honduras under President Cleveland, today shot and seriously wounded William L. Dodd, president of the Southern Mutual Aid association. Little had been representing Mr. Dodd, who is on trial to the charge of using the real. representing Mr. Dodd, who is on trial on the charge of using the mail for fraudulent purposes in connection with the Birmingham debenture redemption company. Mr. Little became deranged as the result of mental strain in conducting the case, and entered Dodd's room declaring that he (Little) was goroom declaring that he (Little) was going to die. A pistol on a table was selzed by Little, who emptied every chamber at Dodd and his brother Jas. L. Dodd, with only one bullet taking effect. Dodd will recover. Little comes of a prominent North Carolina family.

J. N. Watts May be Extradited.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—In Windsor, Ont., today, Magistrate Bartlett decided that John H. Watts, who is charged by his ed wife with having abducted itttle Katharine Watts, the offispring of their marriage, from Springfield, Ilis., that he may be extradited. The case

CONFESSION NOW HOURLY EXPECTED.

Sheriff and Chief of Police Certain that Mortensen is Guilty and that He will Soon Admit it --- Now in Solitary Confinement.

The last element of doubt as to the | of evidence that has yet been produced guilt of Mortensen has apparently been swept from the minds of the officers They say they have evidence that will without the shadow of a doubt convict him of the murder of young Hay. More than that they declare that he is breaking down rapidly and that he will hold out no longer than tonight. Their be lief is that he will collapse under the tremendous strain that has been placed upon him and make a full statement of his connection with the affair before the hour of midnight ushers in the approach of Christmas day.

Mortensen has been removed to a ty fail, where he is in practical solitary | iy reported. confinement and where the officers of the law expect to wring the expected confession from him. The confidence in the anticipated admission that he was the perpetrator of the deed is largely the result of Sheriff Naylor's visit to

laovo yesterday. That officer stated to the "News" today that while he did not see Mrs. Mortensen yesterday and while he obtained no direct statement from her, information was given him which eliminated the last element of doubt from his mind as to the guilt of the prisoner. According to report tensen visited him since their return even Charles Watkins, Mortensen's from Provo yesterday?" was asked. of the prisoner. According to report brother-in-law, now looks upon the case in the same light as Sheriff Naylor. It is a significant fact that Watkins today positively refused to see Mortensen again. The latter was also informed that his wife had abandoned him and that they would never meet again, a statement Mortensen declared he would not believe unless he heard it from the lips of his wife himself.

Whether the officers are right in their belief that Mortensen is on the verge of a break down remains to be seen; and should the expected collapse occur it is by no means certain that a confession will follow that weakening. It is not to be wondered at that the | truth. prisoner shows signs of physical collapse for he has scarcely eaten or slept

has been constantly made to impress him with the belief that this or that person looked upon him as the demon who had committed the deed and that this or that relative was satisfied of his

The rumor which came to the "News' late yesterday afternoon to the effect that a stranger had purchased a horse in Formers ward and paid for the same in \$20 gold pieces was traced to its origin by this paper today and found to be substantially correct. It is a fact that an unknown man on Tuesday, the day following the tragedy, appeared in the neighborhood and bargained for a horse from Amos S. Gabbott, 1460 South State Street for which he paid on Wednesday morning, and disappeared without giving his name or any particulars whatever. In paying for the animal he exhibited a handful of \$20 gold pieces. The purchased price was \$125, not \$140 as stated. Some difficulty was experienced in "breaking the last \$20." The visitor left Mr. Gabbott's for a short time and returned with the change after which he took his departure. It is stated he left for

"NO YOU WON'T!" Reported Injunction Against Mrs. Mortensen Talking.

"If you hear that Hay is dead tomorrow, don't you tell anybody about

my being out tonight!" This is purported to be the expression

of Peter Mortensen after he had returned to his home on the fateful Monday night. It is asserted that this statement was secured by Sheriff Naylor yesterday at Provo, and that it came from Mrs. Mortensen in an indirect manner but from so reliable a source that it was officially recognized. The unfortunate woman replied:

"I must say you were out if anyone asks me."

"No, you won't."

"But I must; I can't lie about it." "No you won't," and there was a threatening emphasis behind this repe-

tition. After engaging in prayer the family retired and the man and wife lay talking for some time before going to

This is the partial story that leaked out today. Some such statement has evidently been secured, and from a source which leaves no doubt as to its accuracy, apparently, for the officials are so confident of the security of their case against Mortensen. The expres-

sions of disgusted confidence in the

man's guilt have never been so strong

he went to Provo for.

as today, since Sheriff Naylor got what Later-At four o'clock this afternoon the corrections of the above statement was verified by the "News." It

for though not with the same absosilent cell in the upper part of the coun- Inte certainty as the portion previous-CONFESSION EXPECTED.

against Mortensen and makes his con-

Claim Mortensen Cannot Hold Ont Twenty-Four Hours Longer-

'We don't care whether Mortensen confesses or not; we have enough evilence to convict him without that," said Chief Hilton this afternoon. "I feel sure, however, that his obstinacy will not remain with him much longer and he is liable to make a confession at any time now.' Have the brothers-in-law of Mor-

They don't care about seeing him or talking to him much now."

This condition of affairs is looked

upon in an ominous light when the fact taken into consideration that this ourse would be pursued by Mrs. Morteusen's brothers if they should find reasonable cause to believe the suspect to be guilty of the atrocious crime that has made this a sad Christmas to several families and that has cast a gloom over the entire community Watkins sald that all fairness would be given Mortensen and any kindness which would be allowed would be offered up to such time as a con-firmation of the circumstantial evidence should come to them. Provo some statements made by Mrs. Mortensen which the officers say brings

to them a conviction of the hideous Out of consideration for the weight of affliction that is sapping the poor woman's life the sheriff did not worry

since his name became associated with her we's his inquiries but, in company the terrible affair. Besides an effort with Speriff Storrs, secured his facts from other sources. NO DOUBT WITH SHERIFF.

"There is absolutely no doubt that Mortensen is guilty," said Sheriff Nay-lor this afternoon, after a few hours' rest in bed. "We have all the evidence that is necessary and feel no hesita-

The sheriff talks like a man who knows whereof he speaks and is determined to follow out his line of duty to the bitter end.

JAILER'S PRECAUTIONS.

"I have turned away probably fifty people this morning who wanted to see Mortensen," said Jalier Thomas, "While we are not going to treat him unjustly, he will have to toe the mark just the same as the other inmates of the jail are expected to do. Sheriff Naylor has given me positive instructions as to my duty in the matter and I am going to follow them to the let-The prisoner was kept in a rotary cell last night and today was removed to an iron-grated compartment in the "He has been very anxious to see

the newspapers today, but they have been withheld from him. Curious peo-ple, and even those who say they are friends of the prisoner, are not permitted to see him now, because it is against the rules of the prison. Mortensen did not sleep until about 6 o'clock this morning; and even then I do not know that he slept. When he retired he laid flat on his stomach and appeared to be resting. He certainly has plenty of nerve, because the evidence in possession of the sheriff shows conclusively that the man guilty, and in view of it all (and he knows the sheriff's office is in possession of the facts) he displays a mighty fortitude,

"Have you admitted any of his relatives since the prisoner has been in your,

charge: "Yes: the older one of the two brothers-in-law, Mr. R. C. Watkins, was here last night. He knows the situation and begged the prisoner to make a clean breast of it. But Mortensen was like adamant and absolutely refused to say anything. Such an ordeal as he went through with Mr. Watkins can not possibly be imagined by one who did not witness it, and it would have melted the heart of the most hardened criminal alive; but Mortensen remained like adamant

There is no doubt but we will get confession from him in a short time, however, for he seems to be breaking. It is due from him if he will tell the truth, for the evidence we have is cor clusive and leaves no manner of doubt.

REFUSED TO SEE HIM. Mr. Charles Watkins has not been to

see him, then?"
"Well, he has been here and I suggested that he have a talk with Morten-sen, but he refused to see him any more. Indeed his demeanor was such that I know he must be convinced of the prisoner's guilt."

HILTON A VISITOR.

Chief Hilton was a visitor at the county jail and a recipient of Sheriff Naylor's courtesy this afternoon. He was admitted alone to Mortensen's cell and remained there for about three quarters of an hour. Upon emerging h as asked as to the prisoner's condition and behavior.

"Well, I think I have sweat the most.

He is a hard man, but is falling to pieces now. It can't be long before he will give way to his conscience." THE LAST LOOK.

Mrs. Mortensen Not Likely to Sec the Prisoner Again. When Mrs. Mortensen left for Provo

it was with the determination to never see the prisoner again, if all accounts certainly is the most damaging piece | are true. When informed that his wife

had abandoned him to his fate Morten. sen said today: "I must bear that from her own lips," "You will never see her again," said Jalier Thomas; and this belief is expressed by the officers intimately acquainted with the facts in she case. The absolute seclusion with which she has surrounded herself and the fact that Mrs. Mortensen's residence has been taken up in Provo with the brothers is exactly in line with the state. been taken up in Provo with her broth-ers, is exactly in line with the state-ment of Mr. Watkins that if they were convinced of certain things they would withdraw their supnort and counten-ance from Mortensen and take their sister home. This has been done and the circumstances are ominous of the regams.

THAT HORSE SALE

Animal Bought From Mr. Gabbott by Stranger Who Left for Oregon,

The rumor which gained circulation

vesterday that on Monday alght a stranger called at a place in the southern part of the city, paid seven \$20 gold pieces for a horse, mounted the animal and rode away, was run down by the "News" today. It was said the stranger appeared on the scene about 10:30 Monday night, soon after the nurder is supposed to have been committed and he appeared to be in a harry.

The truth of the matter is that on Tuesday afternoon a son of Amos 8. Cabbott, of 1460 south State street was oming to town and en route young man, who asked him if he knew where he could purchase a good horse. Mr. Gabbott replied that his father had a fine mare for sale and suggested that he go and see the animal. According. ly, the stranger called at the Gabbott residence late Tuesday after soon and asked to see the horse. Mr. Gabbot was not at home at the time and the stranger was advised to call again in the morning. He was told to come early as Mr. Gabbott might not be at home if he did not.

Early Wednesday morning the stranger called and Mr. Gabbott took billing out to see the animal.

him out to see the animal. They about it for some time and fine young man agreed to pay \$1.5 horse. He pulled out seven \$20 pieces to pay for the animal but Gabbott could not make the clang the young man went away buturned soon with the amount, pa the horse and left. He was a street the Gabbatt who had now the horse and left. He was a stranger to the Gabbotts who had never seen him before. He appeared to be about twenty-seven years of age and a laborer. He admired the horse from the moment he saw it and seemed anxious to own it. Mr. Gabbott attaches to importance to the incident in Connection with the murder and neither do the authorities. The unknown purchaser is authorities. The unknown purchaser, in is claimed, said he was going to Oregon. He left Salt Lake the morning young Hay's body was found and has not been seen since.

PASSED SLEEPLESS NIGHT.

Strain Continues Something Terrible and Physical Collapse Seems Near. night but under entirely different circumstances than have surrounded him since he was first taken into custody. He can see papers and has no one to He is still unable to eat and net the question has been raised as to did not sleep at all last night. His whether Secy. Wilson, who also comes nerve is holding out well under the circumstances, but it is believed he cannot endure the strain much longer. For not endure the strain much longer. For a time this morning Mortonsea left his s'rous that Secy. Wilson shall continue cell in the county jail where he is now confined while it was being cleaned, but he did not take advantage of the el by the farmers of the country and | fore giving a formal answer. opportunity to take a little exercise in walking around the corridor. He ap-

pears to be physically exhausted. COMPLAINT FILED.

Peter Mortensen Formally Charged With the Crime of Murder.

Just before 6 o'clock last evening, Peter Mortensen was formally charge with the murder of James R. Hay. Th complaint charges that on the 16th da of December the prisoner made an a sault upon James R. Hay with a re volver and murdered him. The docu-ment was signed by Officer J. D. Brown who exhumed the body of the marder man from its rude grave, and late placed Mortensen under arrest. It was sworn to before Judge C. B. Diehl, wi immediately issued a warrant of arres the complaint and warrant and walking into the room where Mortensen has been confined since Wednesday afternoon said: "Mortensen, I have a warrant for your arrest." The rang looked rant for your arrest." The man looked up quickly and reached out is hand for the paper. He remained eated in his chair while with coolness hat sent a shudder through those present, quietly read the document from againing to end. His face was as expressionles as a block of wood. There was not th slightest tremor of the muses and when he came to Judge Dieh's signawhen he said: "What is this name" When informed, he resumed the indifferent attitude which, instead of convincing people of his innocence has had just the opposite effect.

"How a man who is innocat could read a complaint charging im with one of the most dastardly record and betray not the sightest emotion is more than I caraccount for," remarked an officer as heleft the

Sheriff Naylor and a deputy sen took charge of the defendant and esering a carriage drove to the county all. Mortensen stepped out upon he side-walk he remarked that the evens was rather chilly. He was placed ithere tary cell on the second floor ed w remain there until brought upfor an raignment and preliminary hesing. NO ARRAIGNMENT

Effort to Proceed This Ajernoon Was Further Postpond.

At 1 o'clock this afternoorit was thought that an arraignment would be had at I o'clock, but upon furier consultation it was concluded to estpone such action until a future me. In view of the fact that it is cristmas tomorrow there is no likelifed that there will be an arraignmet until Thursday at least.

SAYS HE IS INNOCES. Accused Man Swears that ie Had No Part in Murder.

Before the prisoner was resed to the county jail last evening Martin Garn, former president of the Pacific Lumber company, and a friends Mortensen's, called to see him an as at once admitted to the prison amber. As with all visitors, Mortensa arose and proffered his hand, Mr. Gagtaiked with the man a few minutes of then suddenly appealed to him to take a clean confession of the crime (guilty and protect his wife and relatis suspicion of complicity in the suspicion of complicity in the bridence deed. He was told that the indence against him was slowly increase and that he should be a man and make a clean breast of the matter. Areasen listened quietly to all that was sid to tell those present what was expected of them.

The was followed by State Engineer the was followed by State E him, and after a moment's beating said: "I swear to you that had no part in the murder. I am innost."

After that he would talk nogether

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NO WAR BETWEEN CHILI AND ARGENTINA

Dispute Will be Peacefully Settled—So Says U. S. Minister at Buenos Ayres -Comment From Vienna.

from Buenos Ayres and the officials have renewed confidence that there will be a peaceful settlement of the serious dispute betwen Chili and Argentina. Mr. Lord, United States minister a Buenos Ayres, has reported by cable that the Argentine government has concluded not to press the demands upon Chill which threatened to lead to allow the issue to go before the boundyears been engaged in the delimitation of the boundary, Moreover, Mr. Lore reports that while the Argentine minis ter to Chili has arrived in Buen Ayres, the Argentine legation at San tiago de Chili has not been closed and consequently diplomatic relations be-twees the two countries have not been rapture as was supposed from the report from our minister to Chili.

WILL RENEW NEGOTIATIONS. Buenos Ayres, Dec. 24.—Via Galves-ton.—The report that Senor Concha lem of the future."

Washington, Dec. 24.—Encouraging Subercaseeau, the Chilian minister, will news has reached the state department renew here the negotiations between from Buenos Ayres and the officials Chill and Argentina on a concilatory balsis, namely, the evacuation by the forces of the two republics of the territories in dispute, appears to be confirmed. A protocol in this sense is said to have been signed.

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COMMENT FROM VIENNA.

today, commenting on the Chili-Argentine situation, expresses the opinion that war betwen the two countries would seriously affect the interests of Europe, not only because of the enormous trans-oceanic trade which would be injured, but because it might alter the relations between Europe and the United States.

"Upon the latter," says the Neue Frie Press, "armed with the Monron doc-trine, will devolve a role which will well suit their Pan-American ideas. and the lively interest of Europe cen-ters largely in the incalculable effects the war may have on the relations be-tween Europe and the United States as the development of these relations constitutes the most important world prob-

SHAW WILL BE GAGE'S SUCCESSOR

Washington, Dec. 24.—The cabinet the President does not desire to lose oday. Practically no business was AWAITING SHAW'S ARRIVAL. transacted, the whole time being occu-President did not mention the fact that he had tendered the treasury portfolioto Gov. Shaw at the meeting, but privately talked with Secy. Wilson about the matter, the latter expressing the M. Shaw departed last evening for Du-buque, lowq, where he is today confer-Gage will turn over the administration ring with Senator Allison and Speaker Henderson. When a reporter called upof the treasury to him. Secy. Gage has or atta there he stated that he had nothing to say. Gov. Shaw before leavnot yet announced his plans for the future. If Gov. Shaw goes into the cabi-

Washington, Dec. 24.—Gov. Lessie M. Shaw, who has been offered the treasury porticile, and who is now on his way to Washington, is expected to arrive here late tonight or early tomorrow norning. The general impression among public men in this city is that Gov. Shaw will accept the profession. Gov. Shaw will accept the portfoliz. SHAW LEAVES IOWA. Les Moines, Iowa, Dec. 24.-Cov. L.

ing this city discussed the acceptance or rejection of the receptaryship of the treasury with several friends, who asserted that he is in doubt in regard to accepting the place in case it shall be After the conference with Gov. Shaw, Senator Allson was seen but said the matter rested with the governor. Gov. Shaw desires to consult his wife be-

VENEZUELAN SITUATION IS GRAVE

Fort de France, Island of Martinique, | of Carabobo, but definite news on the ezuelan gunboat Restaurander left here during the night. Her destination is unknown.

m Jowa, will remain. On this poin

a cabinet officer is quoted as saying

in the rabinet. His work in the depart.

ment of agriculture is highly appreciat-

The British steamer Ban Righ, said to be loaded with arms and ammunition intended for the adherents of Senor Majos, has arrived here from Antwerp, which port she left Nov. 29. Another alleged revolutionary vessel has been signaled to the eastward of this isl-

There was fighting yesterday in Venezuela, where the revolutionary movement is spreading. The engagement took place at Villa do Coura (about fifty miles from Caracas), and it is ex-

Dec. 24.—Via Haytien Cable.—The Ven. subject is difficult to obtain. A disthe German railroad running from Catacas to Valenchi and the government. All traffic is suspended between those two points and the railroad stations are occupied by troops.

Great excitement prevails everywhere in Venezuela, particularly Caracos. The situation is very seri-Gen. Matos is at the Ivanes hotel

The German cruiser Falke is at Porto Cabello and the Dutch cruiser Utrecht is at La Guayara. The situation is becoming aggravated in Caraca. In spite of the numerous arrests which are being made fairly if

a distribution can be effected of the pected that the revolutionary com-mander, Gen. Luciano Mendoza, was defeated by the government troops. It to the powder and the whole country Fighting has also occurred in the state will rise about Dec. 25.

UTAH LAKE PROJECT MEETING.

Salt Lake Committee meet with Residents of Utah County at Provo Today-Five Gentlemen Appointed to Represent Interest of Farmers.

Provo, Dec. 24.-The committee from Salt Lake county which is working upon the project of petitioning Congress to appropriate a large sum for the establishment of Utah Lake as a public reservoir came down from the capital this morning and met with the representative citizens of Utah county in the court house here for the purpose of an understanding.

After the meeting had been called to order Hon. John Henry Smith was be in a better position to look into the elected chairman and W. R. McBride secretary.

In the short speech which followed on the part of the chairman Mr. Smith stated that the object of the visit on the part of the Salt Lake county delegation was for the purpose of thorouga-ly canvassing the situation and listening to any suggestions or objections that might be raised by those who imagined that they were going to be possibly injured by the proposition.

County Commissioner Hill then gained the floor and proceeded to will also be appointed. date that the Utah county people were entirely in the dark as to what was the purpose of the committee. He sold that they all had heard all kinds of ru-

He was followed by State Engineer of

plans, he said that no plan had been formulated in Salt Lake and it lay with the people of Utah county to loin hands and push the matter to an issue.

When he regained his seat a number of gentlemen gained the recognition of John, Andrew Knudsen, S. S. Junes, John B. Milner, Walter Scott, E. S. Hinckley, Milan Packard, George T. Peay, Caleb Tanner and others. While a number of different views were expressed by these speakers and the matter them. talking over the subject and arriving at ter thoroughly gone into the general sentiment seemed to be that if the Salt Lake committee would tell them just what was wanted that they would then matter. Some expressed themselves as being of the opinion that the plan was feasible, while others said that no mat-ter how much the water were backed

up that it would percolate through the Finally a motion was made and car-ried that the Utah county people name and appoint a committee of five to con-fer with the Salt Lake committee. This committee will be appointed at this afternoon's meeting of the owners of the lands abuttting upon Utah Lake,

A review of this morning's meeting developed the fact that the big majority of those present were disposed to do all in their power to further the reservoir project, providing that no hardships were worked upon property owners on the shores of the lake.

In addition to those who were present from Salt Lake there were the members Doremus, who in a lengthy speech set forth that it was the purpose of the county commissioners, members of the countities to arrive at the best results in the best possible manner. As to their citizens of the county.